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Record of Decision completed on Upper Trinity River environmental document

The Fort Worth District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, has completed the Record of Decision for the Upper Trinity River Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, following a 30-day review period of the final document.

Fort Worth District Engineer Colonel Gordon M. Wells concluded in his report that any of the projects being considered by the Corps and other entities could likely be implemented provided certain environmental and hydraulic measures are followed. These measures include avoidance/minimization of impacts to existing hydrological and hydraulic conditions and to environmental resources of regional and national importance such as wetlands, riparian woodlands and recreation and other uses related to flood plains.

The environmental study was conducted over a 3-year period and included public and agency input through several forums including scoping and review meetings.

Existing hydrological, hydraulic, environmental, and socioeconomic resources of the study area are described in the PEIS. Past actions of the Corps and other entities within the study area are identified, along with an analysis of the effects that those actions have had on study area resources. Approximately 90 potential projects, which provide for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, water quality, and recreation outputs, were identified within the study area during the course of the Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study. Of these, three potential Corps of Engineers projects have been

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carried into detailed feasibility studies and are addressed in detail in the PEIS. These projects include the Johnson Creek project, in Arlington, the Stemmons North Industrial project, in Dallas, and the Dallas Floodway project, in Dallas. A Feasibility Study Cost Sharing Agreement was signed for a fourth study in February 2000 during preparation of the Draft PEIS. The local sponsor for the West Fork and Clear Fork project is the Tarrant Regional Water District. This study will focus on ecosystem restoration, and flood damage reduction needs and opportunities.

The Record of Decision is not intended to replace regulatory criteria associated with the 1988 Trinity Regional EIS Record of Decision and the local communities' Corridor Development Certificate process. Both of these processes as well as additional NEPA requirements will apply to any project considered.

The Record of Decision is available for review at the downtown Fort Worth office of the Corps of Engineers, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A28 or on the Fort Worth District Internet Home Page at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil>.

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